



# **Desalination Technology Roadmap and Research Facility Development**

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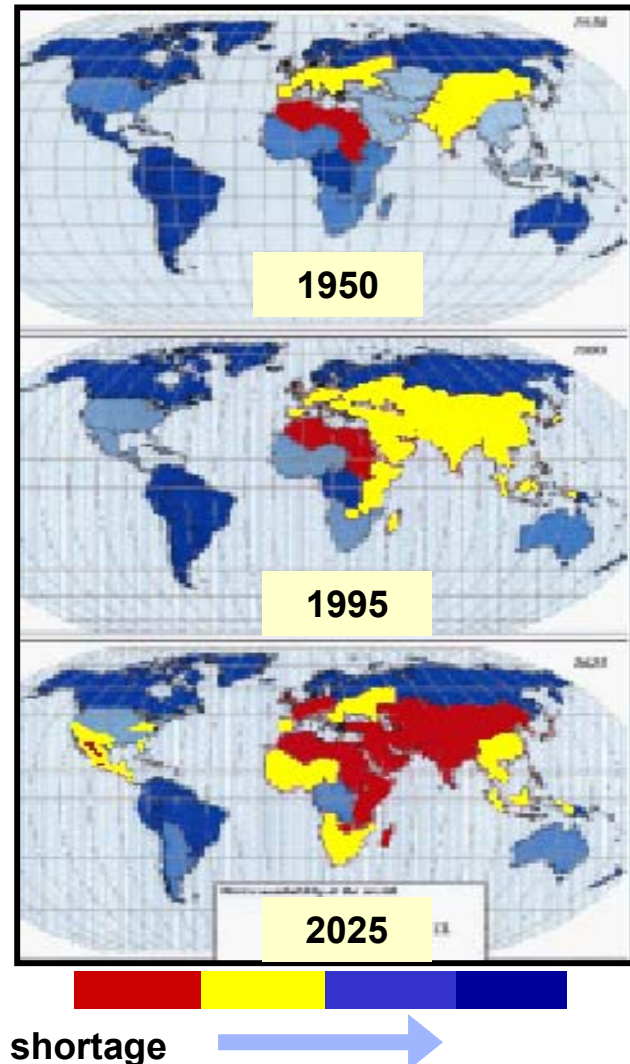
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# Over half the world's population will face severe water shortage in the next 50 years.

- In 1990, poor water supply and sanitation was the 2nd leading cause of death and disability worldwide.
- Over 50% of world's major rivers are dry or heavily polluted.
- By 2025, 20% more fresh water will be needed for irrigation and 40% more for cities to maintain current per capita water levels.
- **NONTRADITIONAL** water resources will need to be used to address these shortages.

**“Water promises to be to the 21st century what oil was to the 20th century: the precious commodity that determines the wealth of nations.”**

*Fortune Magazine, May 15, 2000*





# Roadmap Development - Vision

***By 2020, water purification and desalination technologies will contribute significantly to assuring a safe, sustainable, affordable, and adequate water supply for the United States.***

## ***Safe:***

- Meet drinking water standards
- Agriculture and industry standards
- Security

## ***Sustainable:***

- Water table decline can lead to salinity increase

## ***Affordable:***

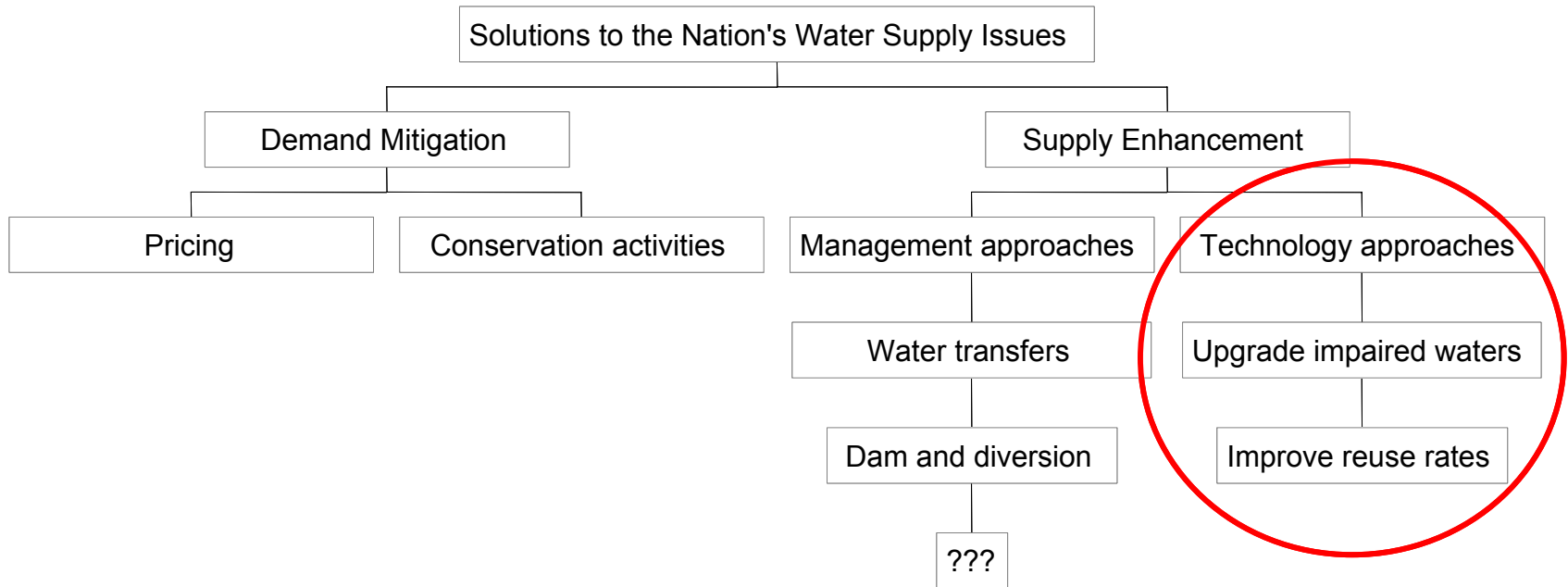
- Future water cost comparable today's

## ***Adequate:***

- Local and regional availability
- Episodic shortages (droughts).



# Hierarchy of the nation's water solution toolbox





# Structure of the Roadmap Process





# Case Studies a Basis for Needs



**Urban  
Coastal**



**Mid  
Atlantic**



**Inland  
Rural**



**Inland  
Urban**

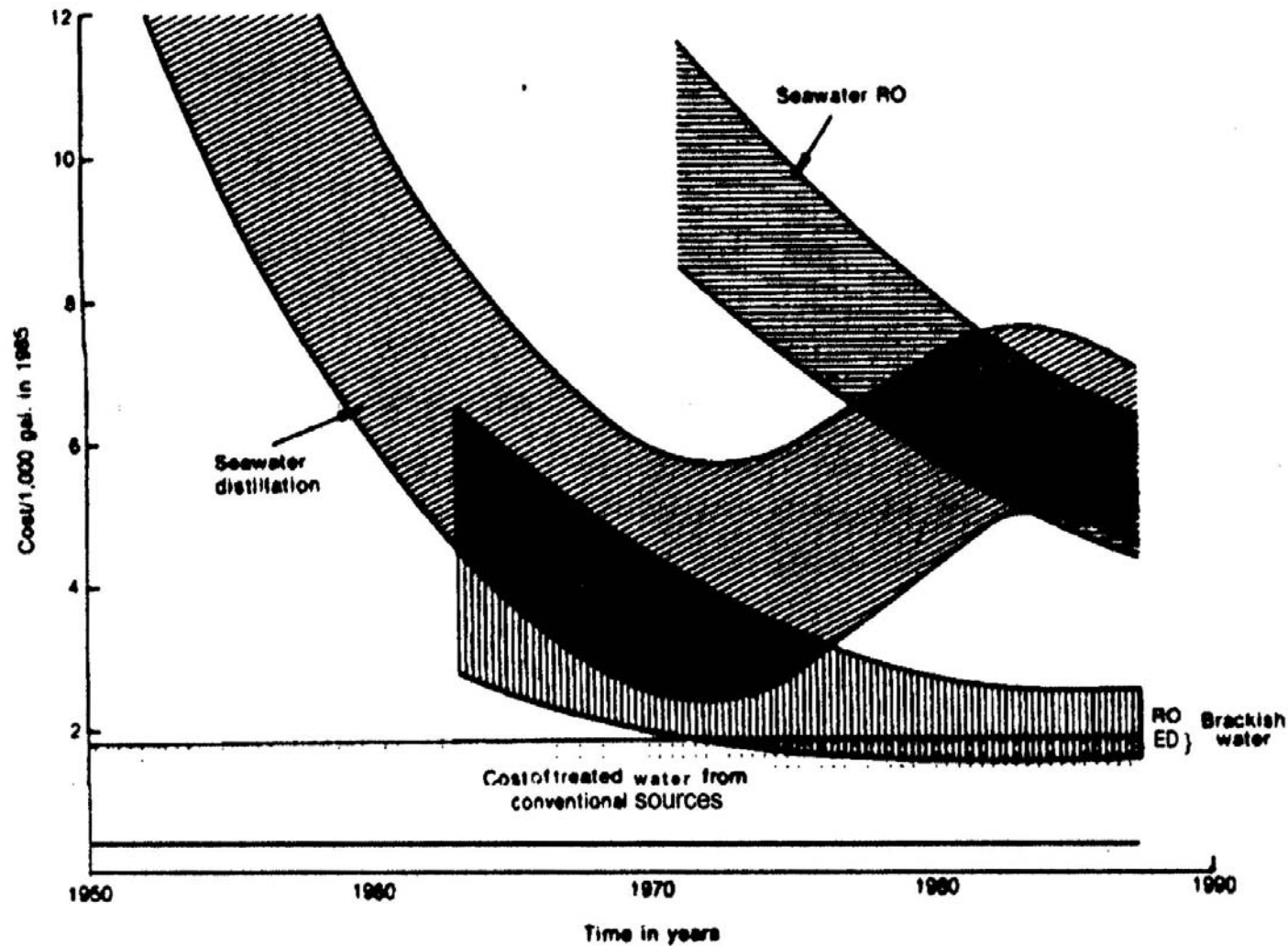


**Inland  
Impaired  
Waters**

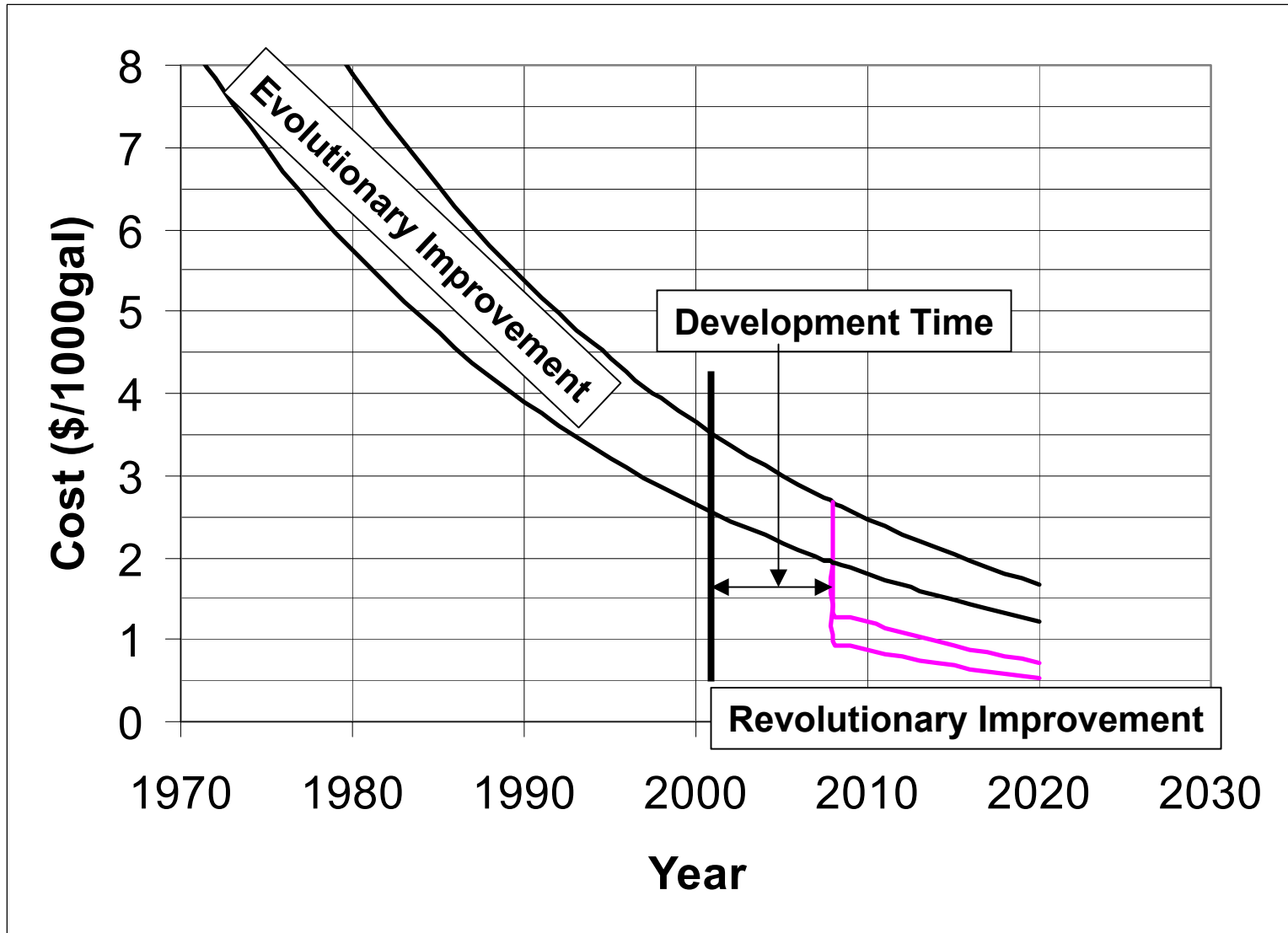
- **Develop new sources**
- **Reduce costs**
- **Protect quality**
- **Reclaim waters**
- **Develop concentrate disposal**

# Historical Desalination Costs

Figure 9.—Approximate Desalination Costs



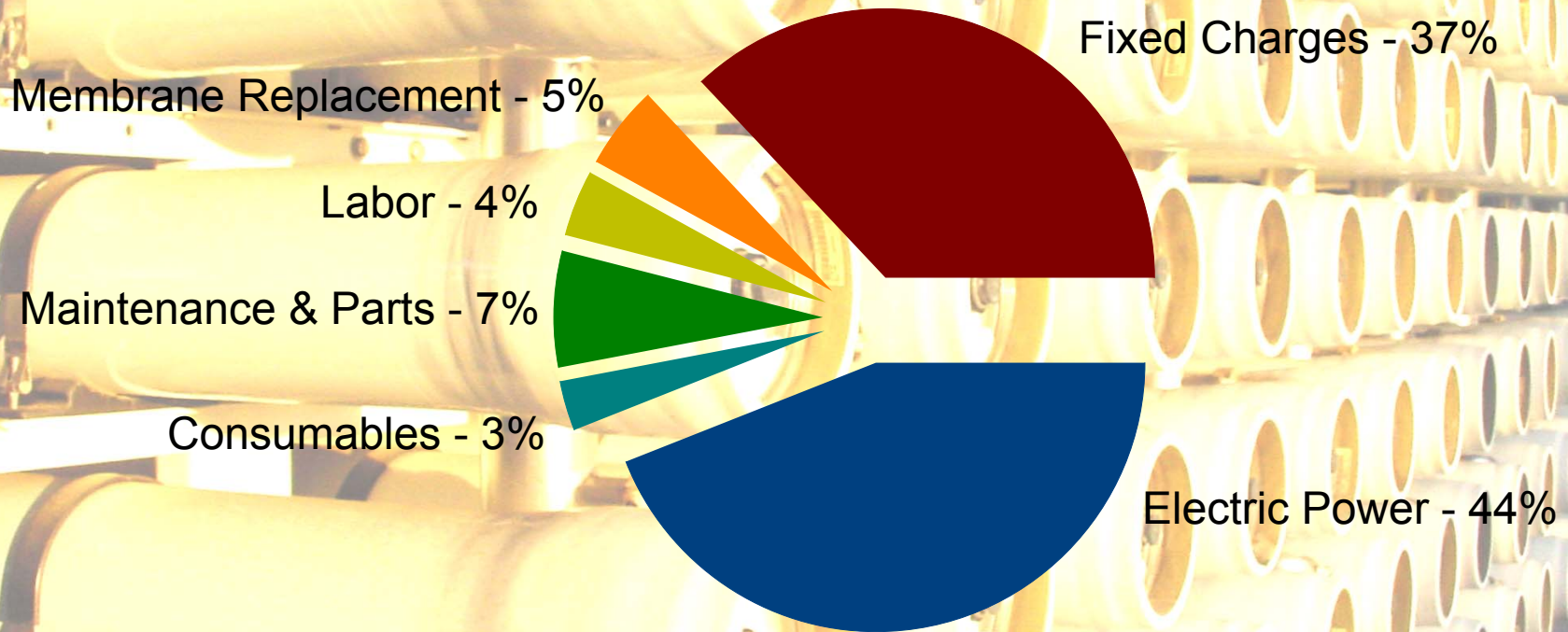
# Effect of Evolutionary and Revolutionary Technologies





# Evolutionary Approach Seawater RO – Opportunity for Energy and Pretreat Savings

R. Semiat, Water International, Vol. 25, 54, (2000).



Pretreatment can be up to 30% of Total Operating Costs

K.S. Speigler and Y.M. El-Sayed, A Desalination Primer, Balaban Desalination Publications, Santa Maria Imbaro, Italy (1994).

# NEEDS → Objectives (Reduce Costs)

Technology Areas	Evolutionary Targets	Research Areas
Membranes	→ Reduce overall cost of seawater desalination from \$2.50/1000 gal to \$2.00/1000 gal by 2008	Basic Research to increase membrane permeability
Thermal	→	Clathrate sequestration
Alternative	→	Renewable energy
Concentrate Disposal	→ Recover 5% of concentrate for beneficial use by 2008	Sodium hypochlorite generation using concentrate
Recycling/Reuse	→ Reduce cost to produce reclaimed water by 25% by 2008.	Membrane Bioreactor

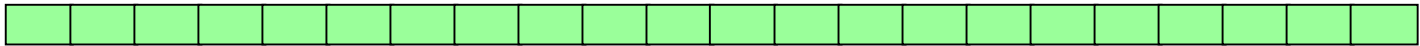
Technology Areas	Revolutionary Targets	Research Areas
Membranes	→ Reduce overall cost of seawater desalination from \$2.50/1000 gal to \$1.00/1000 gal by 2008	Develop Smart Membranes
Thermal	→	Forward Osmosis
Novel	→	Magnetic Separation
Concentrate Disposal	→ Reduce ZLD costs by 50%	Create super concentrate technology
Recycling/Reuse	→ Reduce cost to produce reclaimed water by 50% by 2008.	Develop power saving technology



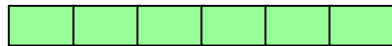
# Revolutionary Approach

## Series of Screens

Technical qualification of research – M&E Balances



Lab Scale Evaluations

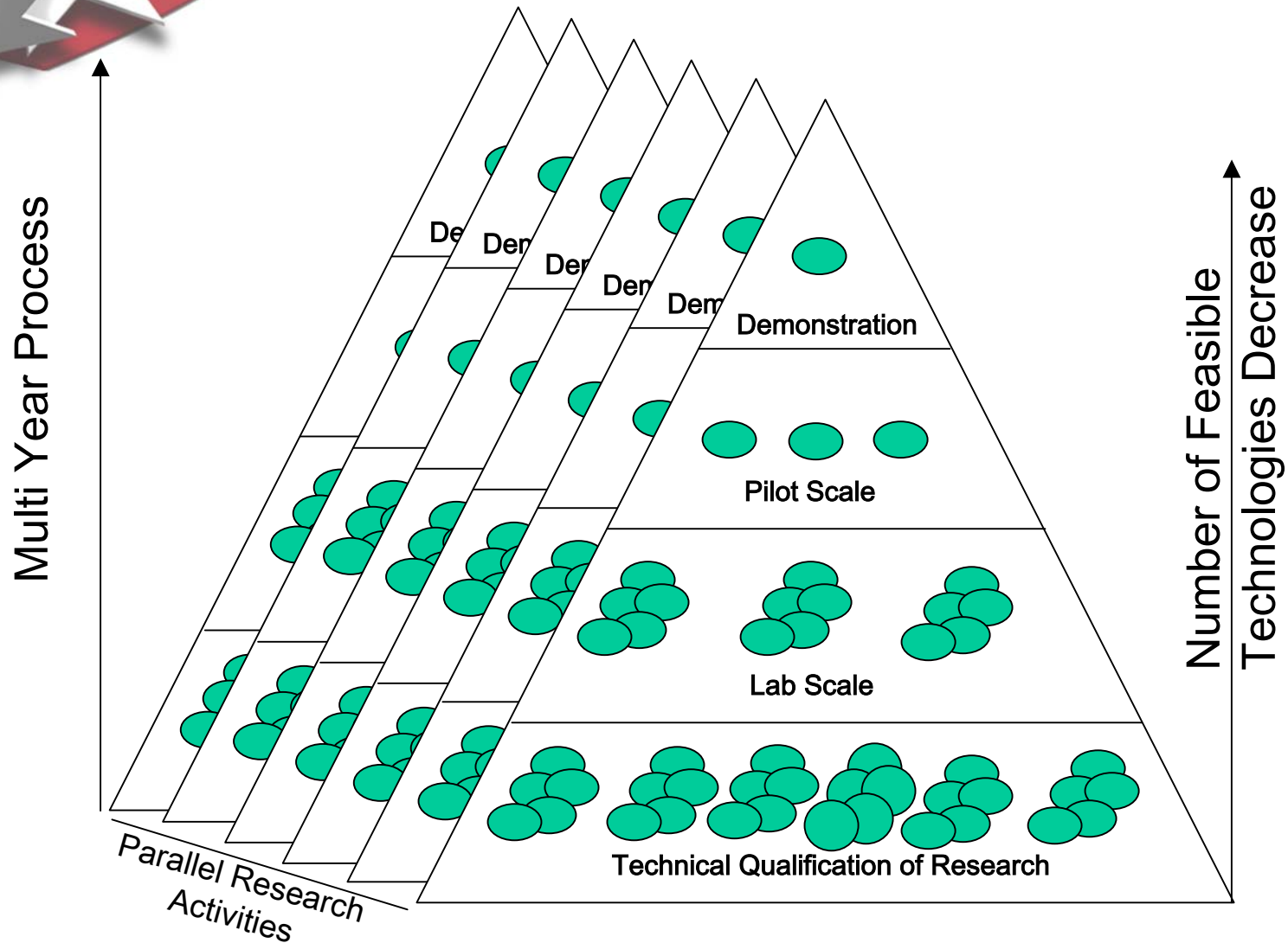
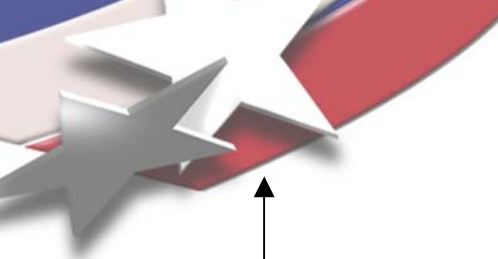


Pilot Scale Evaluations



Demonstrations





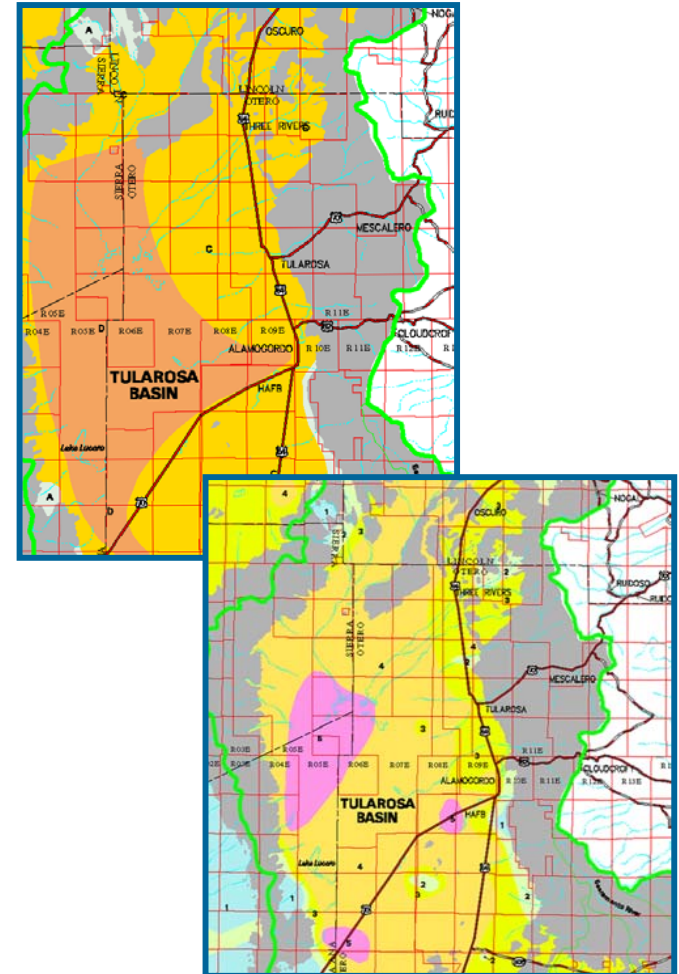
In order to have demonstration scale experiments for the National Desal Centers program, there must be a major program to develop worthy candidate revolutionary technologies. Without this program, only evolutionary research will be available for testing.



# Tularosa Basin National Desalination Research Facility

## *Study Objectives*

- The BOR and Sandia received congressional funding in FY02 to:
  - Identify desalination research opportunities for a Tularosa Basin facility
  - Identify a regional, national, and international role that would complement other “national water research centers”
- Develop a preliminary facility design and operation and management plans
- Complete draft study by July 2002
- Develop facility design/build plan for FY03 start of construction





# Tularosa Basin National Desalination Research Facility

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## *Design Highlights*

- 3 primary site locations identified with easy access, good visibility, water availability
- 20-30 acre sites with areas for concentrate reuse and beneficial use research, renewable energy desalination research, and ~13,000 square foot desalination research facility
- Desalination facility: 6 test bays for pilot system testing at 30 gpm, control room, water lab, research offices, resource/education room, conference room, operations viewing and tour areas, passive solar building
- Shop and chemical storage areas and exterior pads for large scale and renewable energy applications

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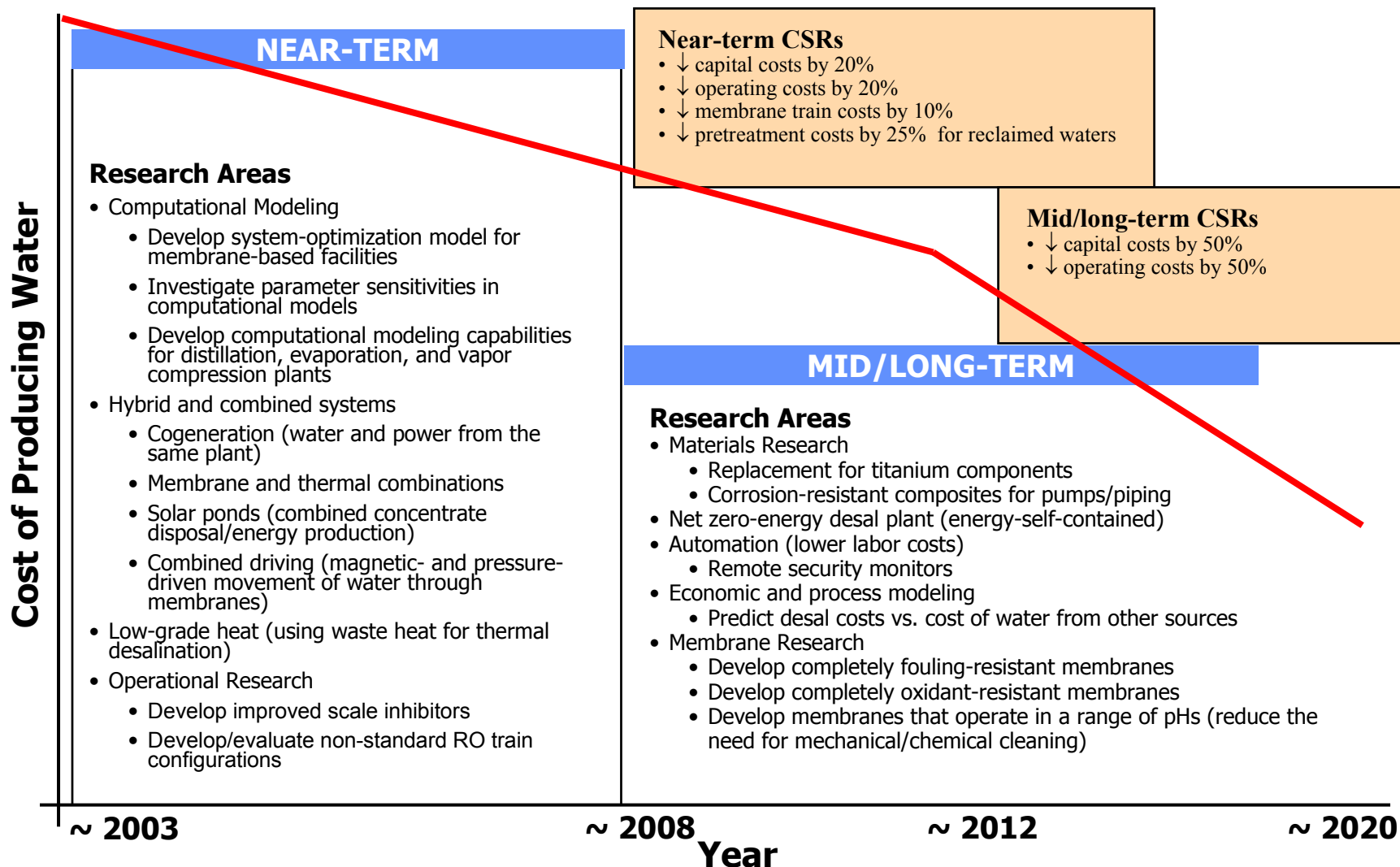
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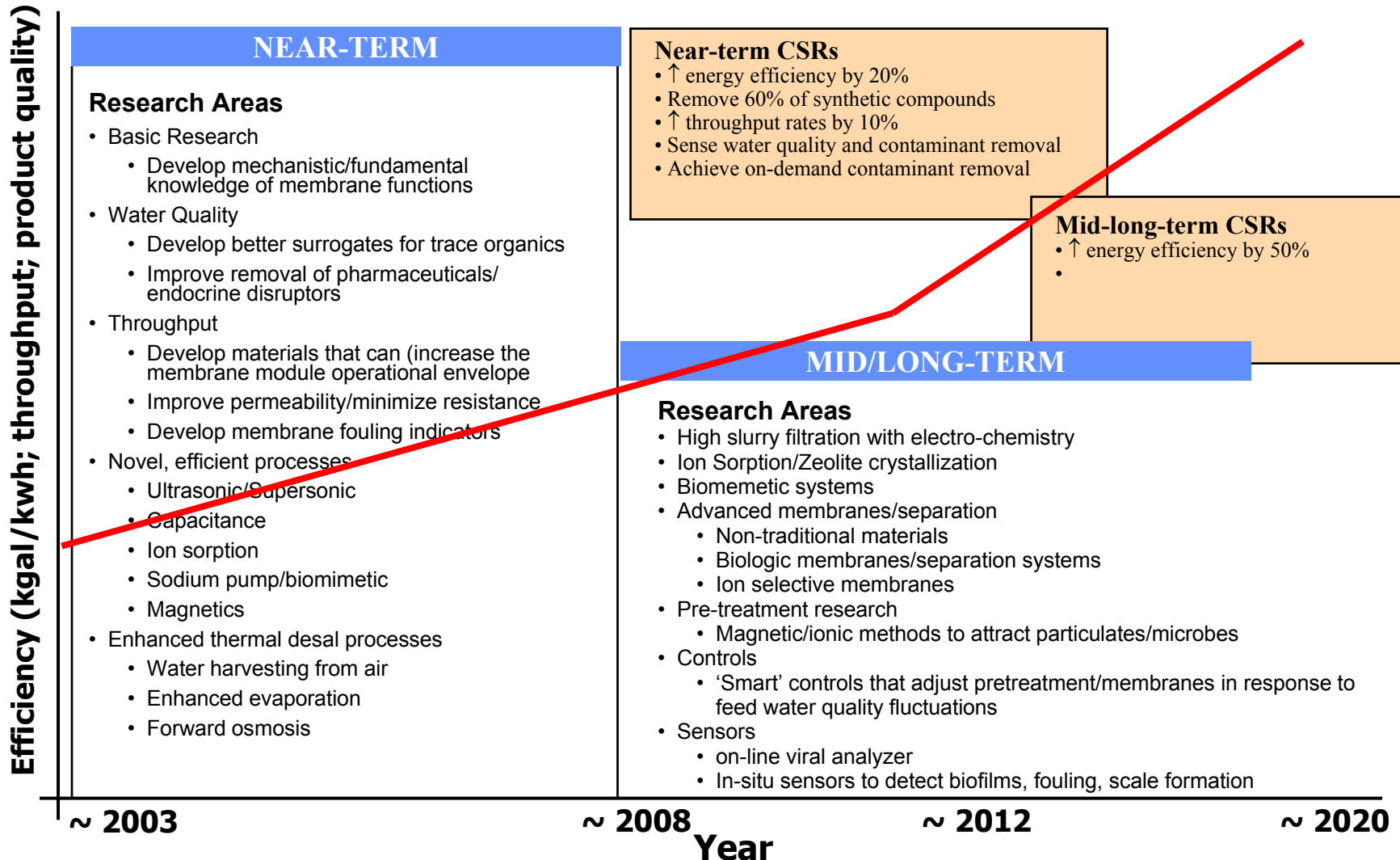


# NEED: Reduce Production Cost of Water

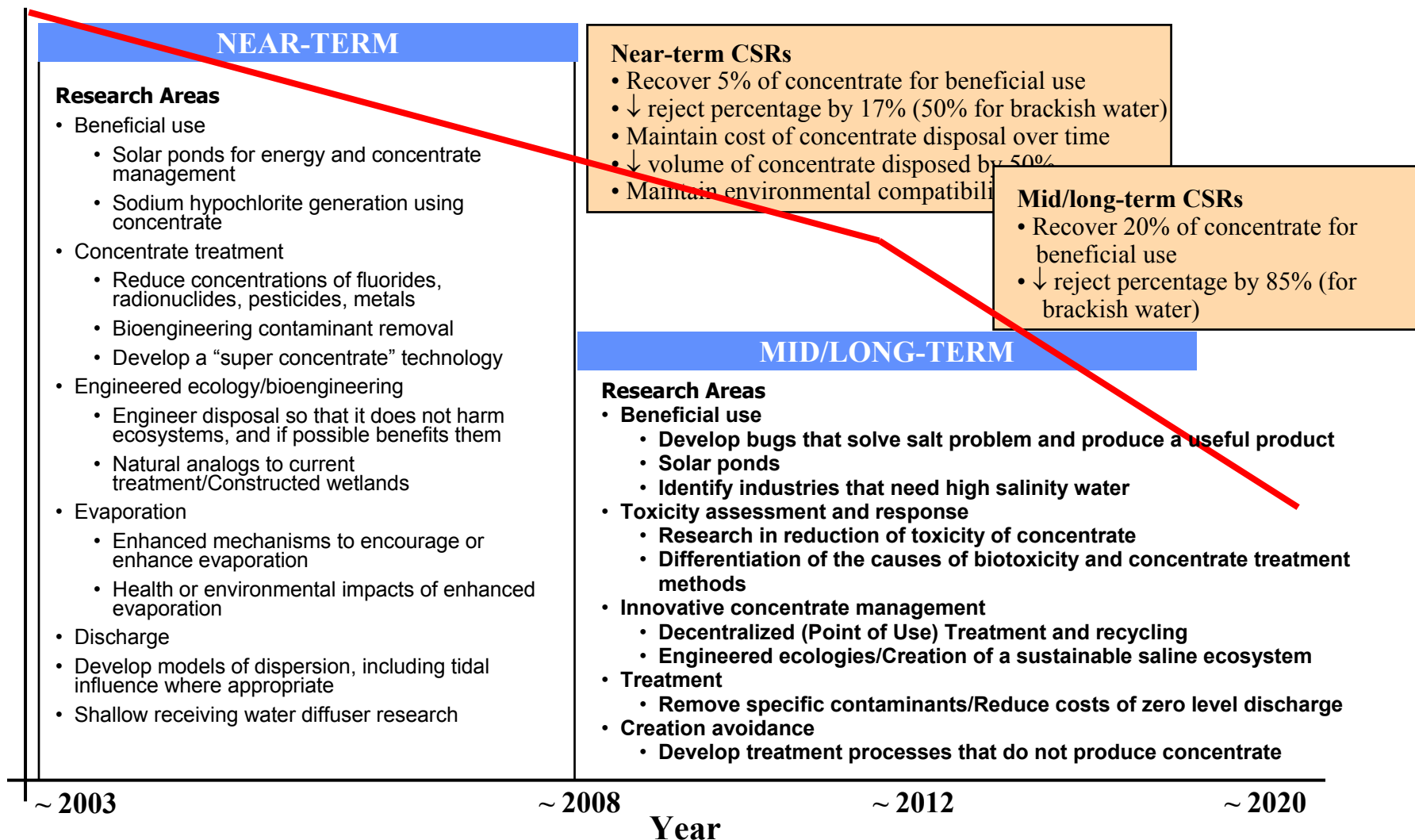


# NEED: Increase Production Efficiency

(throughput, component lifetime, quality)



# NEED: Address Concentrate Disposal Issues



# NEED: Increase Reclamation and Reuse of Water

